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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES ELECTION DATES

1. DURING JANUARY 8 ADDRESS TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY,
PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO ANNOUNCED THAT GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WOULD BE HELD ON MARACH 7 AND FOR
THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIES ON MARACH 10. THE GOVERNMENT
IS THEREBY FOLLOWING EARLIER PRECEDENTS BY HOLDING ELECTIONS FOR
THE NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIES ON SEPARATE DATES.

2. THE PM ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE NATIONAL AND
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIES CONSEQUENTLY STAND DISSOLVED ON
JANUARY 10 AND JANUARY 13 RESPECTIVELY. BHUTTO
REITERATED HIS VOW THAT THE ELECTIONS WOULD BE "FAIR
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AND CLEAN" AND CALLED UPON THE OPPOSITION TO CONTEST
THE ELECTIONS IN A SIMILAR MANNER. HE ADDED A NOTE
OF WARNING THAT THE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN THE
COUNTRY MUST BE PRESERVED, HOWEVER, AND NO THREATS
TO PUBLIC SECURITY WOULD BE ALLOWED.

3. THE PM'S ADDRESS WAS REplete WITH CLAIMS OF

ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR THE PPP GOVERNMENT, WITH BHUTTO
NOTHING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS DONE ITS DUTY TO THE
PEOPLE AND FULFILLED ITS ELECTION PLEDGES. HE NOTED
THAT ALTHOUGH HE COULD HAVE POSTPONED THE ELECTION
DECISION FOR THREE OR SIX MONTHS, THERE WAS NO REASON
TO WAIT AND HIS PARTY IS READY TO FIND OUT "IF THE
PEOPLE WANT US TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THEM OR NOT."
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